

Health Care Financing Administration, HHS

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(1) The office of the PRO or PRO subcontractor that made the initial determination.

(2) A SSA District Office.

(3) An office of the Office of Hearings and Appeals of SSA.

(4) An office of the Railroad Retirement Board, in the case of a beneficiary who is a railroad retiree.

(b) *Time limit for submitting a request for a hearing.* (1) The request for a hearing must be filed within 60 days of receipt of the notice of the PRO reconsidered determination, unless the time is extended for good cause as provided in § 473.22.

(2) The date of receipt of the notice of the reconsidered determination is presumed to be five days after the date on the notice, unless there is a reasonable showing to the contrary.

(3) A request is considered filed on the date it is postmarked.

§ 478.44 Determining the amount in controversy for a hearing.

(a) After an individual appellant has submitted a request for a hearing, the ALJ determines the amount in controversy in accordance with § 405.740(a) of this chapter for Part A services or § 405.817(a) of this chapter for Part B services. When two or more appellants submit a request for hearing, the ALJ determines the amount in controversy in accordance with § 405.740(b) of this chapter for Part A services and § 405.817(b) of this chapter for Part B services.

(b) If the ALJ determines that the amount in controversy is less than \$200, the ALJ, without holding a hearing, notifies the parties to the hearing that the parties have 15 calendar days to submit additional evidence to prove that the amount in controversy is at least \$200.

(c) At the end of the 15-day period, if the ALJ determines that the amount in controversy is less than \$200, the ALJ, without holding a hearing, dismisses the request for a hearing without ruling on the substantive issues involved in the appeal and notifies the parties to the hearing and the PRO that the PRO reconsidered determina-

tion is conclusive for Medicare payment purposes.

[50 FR 15372, Apr. 17, 1985, as amended at 59 FR 12184, Mar. 16, 1994. Redesignated at 64 FR 66279, Nov. 24, 1999]

§ 478.46 Departmental Appeals Board and judicial review.

(a) The circumstances under which the DAB will review an ALJ hearing decision or dismissal are the same as those set forth at 20 CFR 404.970, ("Cases the Appeals Council will review").

(b) If \$2,000 or more is in controversy, a party may obtain judicial review of an Departmental Appeals Board decision, or an ALJ hearing decision if a request for review by the Departmental Appeals Board was denied, by filing a civil action under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure within 60 days after the date the party received notice of the Departmental Appeals Board decision or denial.

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§ 478.48 Reopening and revision of a reconsidered determination or a hearing decision.

(a) *PRO reopenings*—(1) *General rule.* A PRO or PRO subcontractor that made a reconsidered determination, or conducted a review of a DRG change as described in § 473.15, that is otherwise binding, may reopen and revise the reconsidered determination or review, either on its own motion or at the request of a party, within one year from the date of the reconsidered determination or review.

(2) *Extension of time limit.* A PRO or PRO subcontractor may reopen and revise its reconsidered determination, or its review of a DRG change as described in § 473.15, that is otherwise binding, after one year but within four years of the date of the determination or review if—

(i) The PRO receives new material evidence;

(ii) The PRO erred in interpretation or application of Medicare coverage policy;